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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

REFS: (A) USNATO 1037

(B) PARIS 4743

(C) USNATO 863

(D) PARIS 4044 FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY

1. MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY WAS NOT SENT TO JOBERT BECAUSE
WE FELT DIRECT APPROACH WOULD JEOPARDIZE EFFORT TO OBTAIN
LIMITED FRENCH COOPERATION IN BURDENSARING. ONE CASE
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IN POINT IS REVISED COST-SHARING FORMULAE FOR NATO BUDGETS

WHERE MISSION AGREED WITH EMBASSY PARIS THAT FRENCH ARE
LIKELY TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IF BURDENSARING ASPECT
WERE DROPPED IN DISCUSSION WITH FRENCH (REFS C AND D).

2. MOST IMPORTANT PART OF SECRETARY'S LETTER IS PENUL-
TIMATE PARAGRAPH IN WHICH ALLIES ARE URGED TO KEEP
JACKSON-NUNN CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND IN CONNECTION WITH
MILITARY PROCUREMENT DECISIONS AND ARE EXHORTED TO IM-
PLEMENT MEASURES CALLED FOR IN DECEMBER 7 DPC MINISTERIAL
COMMUNIQUE (INCLUDING REVISION OF COST SHARES IN NATO
BUDGETS). OUR JUDGMENT WAS THAT PRESSING BURDENSARING
ASPECT WITH FRENCH COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AS RE-
GARDS FRENCH COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING BUDGET COST

SHARING REVISIONS AND OTHER MEASURES REFERRED TO IN
DPC COMMUNIQUE. MOREOVER, IN VIEW OF COMPETITION WE
ARE ENGAGED IN WITH FRENCH FOR SALE OF F-104 REPLACEMENT
AIRCRAFT AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT ITEMS TO OTHER
NATO ALLIES, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UNNECESSARILY PRO-
VOCATIVE TO TELL FRENCH DIRECTLY THAT WE WANT ALLIES
TO BUY AMERICAN (AND THEREFORE NOT FRENCH, BECAUSE OF
JACKSON-NUNN). SENDING MESSAGE TO JOBERT WITHOUT PRESENT
PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OR SUBSTITUTING GENERAL EXHORTATION
FOR FRENCH COOPERATION WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, GAIN US
NOTHING.

3. WITH FOREGOING IN MIND, YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON
SECRETARY'S MESSAGE IN DPC RATHER THAN NAC. DISCUSSION
OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT COULD TAKE PLACE IN BOTH FORA.
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